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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 14, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows.